

Project Title VIDA Collaborative

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AFI Grant Amount \$188,253

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Highlights Community and Shelter Assistance Corporation (CASA) is

offering 94 IDAs for homeownership, microenterprise, and post-secondary education. The match rate is \$3 to \$1, up to \$1,334 in participant savings over 36 months. In addition to core training, participants can access employment support, medical treatment, crisis management, structured planning exercises, mentoring,

peer support, counseling, loans, credit repair, and

specialized financial education.

Target Population Five county area of the Willamette Valley, including the

City of Eugene.

Grantee/Collaborative Description CASA is a Community Development Corporation founded

in 1988 in response to the housing needs of Oregon farm workers and their families. This collaborative has nine participant agencies. Each handles outreach, account opening, case management, and homeownership service delivery. Agencies include housing development groups and a microenterprise training program. Eight banks have waived IDA participant account fees. Four of them are also supporting financial education for participants. They include: Citizens Bank, Mid-Valley Bank, Siuslaw Bank, Umpqua Bank, and others. Mid-Valley Bank is holding the reserve account. Nonfederal matching funds are from foundation sources and Oregon Housing and Community

Services.